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U. S. STEEL PRESIDENT ISSUES STATEMENT ON LABOR POLICY

Wm. A. Irvin Amplifies Statement Issued Recently By Iron and Steel Institute In Response to Union Leaders

In the July issue of the U. S. Steel News, published today, William A. Irvin, president of the United States Steel Corporation, sets forth the broad policy of the corporation with regard to labor.

Bullets Fly In Gardena Ice War

Peace and quiet along Estrella avenue, Gardena, was shattered Sunday when two rival ice men staged a mortal combat with baseball bats, ice picks and revolvers playing a leading part.

Mr. Irvin asserts that the steel corporation is convinced that these are sound American principles which have been determining factors in raising American industry and labor to a higher level than exists in any other country in the world.

This is the second issue of the U. S. Steel News, a magazine published for the employees of the United States Steel Corporation and subsidiaries, who number more than 225,000.

Mr. Irvin amplifies the general principles laid down in the formal statement of the American Iron and Steel Institute last Monday.

The complete text of Mr. Irvin's statement follows:

"To Employees of the United States Steel Corporation and Its Subsidiary Companies: Much publicity has been released by an organization outside of our industry of its aim to unionize all of our plants.

"We will resist with all our strength all efforts to impose such an organization upon the employees. We are convinced that the vast majority of you resent the idea of paying tribute for the right to work.

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"About three years ago a plan of employe representation was adopted in the manufacturing plants. It has been amended from time to time at your request, and it is in effect only where a majority of you, by secret ballot, have favored its adoption.

"It is the fairest method of collective bargaining that the employes and the management have been able to devise.

New Pastor At M. E. Church

Rev. B. C. Brewster will occupy the pulpit at the First Methodist church for the first time next Sunday morning and evening, as the new pastor of the church, replacing Rev. Carl J. Allen who closed his ministry here last month.

Bomb Yarn Only a Bust Says Judge

"It's a shame to spoil a good story," said Judge Robert F. Lessing, "but the report that I had a narrow escape from being blown up with a bomb, last Friday, is just too sensational to be true."

Rumor had it that as Judge Bob stepped into his private office at the city hall some unknown miscreant in a black mask and rubber sneakers tipped up behind him and dropped a bomb at his heels.

However, the Sherlock Holmeses who went over the premises with microscope, callipers, sniffling, and all the equipment of a True Detective storybook sleuth, failed to find anything more deadly than the coverings off a firecracker and no more sinister figure than a small boy with a sheepish grin on his pan, who is suspected of being the culprit.

Said boy ran like a deer when the cracker went off with an ear-shattering boom in the corridors of the new city hall. The judge and all occupants of the offices were startled out of a year's old age, but aside from frayed nerves no damage was done.

Registrations Will Close On Thurs., July 16

Deputy Registrars Are Now On Duty In Torrance and Lomita

Deputy registrars who are now on duty in this section, and will take registrations up to midnight, July 16, have been announced by Registrar of Voters W. M. Kerr.

Names and addresses of the deputies are as follows:

Torrance Precincts 1 and 1 and El Nido and Victor county precincts—Mabel B. Rogers, 4401 Torrance boulevard.

Precincts 3 and 6—Leona P. Lincoln, 1027 North Arlington avenue.

Precincts 4, 5 and 7—Edith M. Kasper, 1736 Gramercy avenue.

Precincts 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 and Clifton county precinct—Floy G. Morris, 2849 237th street.

Lomita Precincts 1, 2 and 3—Helen Monroe, 2307 243rd street.

Precincts 4, 5 and 6—Elizabeth M. Hunt, 1857 267th street.

Precincts 7 and 8—Martha I. Hesse, 25831 Narbonne avenue.

Precincts 9 and 10—Mary Eich, Palos Verdes Estates.

Sump Fire In Nigger Slough

Dense black smoke and billowing flames from a sump fire at Vermont avenue and East Road today drew wide attention but caused little damage, as the blaze was confined to the sloughlands at this intersection.

The Los Angeles county fire department handled the fire and kept it from spreading to adjacent fields. Origin of the fire was undetermined. To avert possible asphyxiation from the dense smoke and fumes which were carried north by the prevailing wind, traffic on East Road was halted and motorists routed around the dangerous area.

ATTEND CONVENTION

Postmaster C. Earl Conner and Mrs. Conner will spend several days next week in Sacramento, attending the annual convention of the California Postmasters Association.

To the City Officials and People of Torrance

July 3, 1936.

Dear Friends:

I am taking this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to you, the people of Torrance and the city council, for the work you have done in enabling me to make this wonderful trip, in order that I may represent the City of Torrance in the final Olympic tryouts at Randall's Island, New York, and possibly the Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany.

I want also to extend my appreciation to the various service clubs and other organizations in Torrance who were instrumental in providing me with the necessities for a comfortable and enjoyable journey.

Whatever the outcome may happen to be, I want you to know that my efforts will be sincere and to the best of my ability.

Sincerely yours, Louis Zamperini.

\$1,400,000 Auto Speedway To Be Built Near Torrance; World Championship Races Planned

Having been denied a summer racing season, Los Angeles county residents today were looking forward to autumn automobile racing, with the announcement that a \$1,400,000 speedway is to be established immediately adjoining the Los Angeles municipal airport, and a few miles north of Torrance.

The announcement having been made but a few days after the California horse racing board denied the application of the group headed by A. T. Jergins, of Long Beach, for a summer track season, it was stated in Los Angeles that plans to launch the auto race plant had been quietly going forward for some weeks.

Carleton F. Burke, chairman of the California racing commission, is a member of the advisory board of the organization, known as the Los Angeles Raceway, Inc. An airport runway 4,800 feet long and 700 feet wide is to be constructed down the center of the field, and the field will be available for testing aircraft, as well as a proving ground for automobiles.

Los Angeles county residents will witness their first major race on Sunday, Nov. 29, according to present plans, although the plant will be ready for staging its first race on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 26. Whether there will be competition with any of the local major football games scheduled for the coliseum was not indicated.

July 16 Last Day to Register

If you have not registered since Jan. 1, or if you have moved since last registering, you must re-register to vote in the Aug. 25 primary election and the November presidential election.

Voters must register for the state primary election on or before July 16 and for the November ballot on or before Sept. 24, according to a statement issued by Registrar of Voters W. M. Kerr.

Voters will be required to ballot according to party affiliation at the primary. Votes on partisan offices will not be valid if party affiliation is not stated in registering.

In view of the local importance of the coming primary and of the tremendous importance to every citizen of the presidential election voters are urged to REGISTER NOW.

Knife Is Wielded In Brawl

Mexican temperament, mixed with beer, precipitated a street brawl in the Pueblo on July 4 that landed Mrs. Maria Martinez in the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital and Lilliea Silva, Walteria resident, and Pauline Olvera, Pueblo, in the city jail, as the first women guests of the police in their new bastle.

According to officers called to the scene, Lilliea and Pauline had been celebrating the American Independence day with frequent libations, and were in a mood for action. As they passed Mrs. Martinez, who was sitting quietly and soberly on the porch at her home, they struck up a conversation. The friendly chat soon became a heated controversy, though the cause of the change of mood could not be ascertained.

A free for all battle, with Mrs. Martinez trying to protect herself, followed. True to the Mexican tradition a knife came into play, a butcher knife several inches long, and from this wicked weapon Mrs. Martinez received a stab wound in her forearm that required 12 stitches to close.

Mrs. Olvera is said to have concealed the knife under a laundry tub in her home, where later it was disclosed to Officer Percy Bennett by a boy. The two women who had precipitated the brawl were placed in the city jail, and will have a preliminary hearing before Judge Robert F. Lessing Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Cravens Avenue Improved With Gas Tax Money

Next Quarter's Allowance Earmarked for That Says Engineer

Paving on Cabrillo avenue from Plaza del Amo to Sepulveda has been completed, and city crews are now engaged in trimming up along the roadside. Cedar avenue paving thru the General Petroleum tract is practically complete and the new highway will soon be open to traffic.

According to City Engineer Frank Leonard, work of resurfacing Cravens avenue will be started probably in August when funds from the quarter cent of gasoline tax allocated to cities will be released for the third yearly quarter.

Gasoline tax money may be used for the maintenance of streets designated as through streets in a municipality, and in due time Arlington, Marcella, Cravens and Cabrillo avenue will be improved with these funds.

It is also the intention of the city, said Mr. Leonard, to improve streets in the downtown business section, at some later date whenever funds can be derived from some source to pay for the work.

Postmasters Will Be Hosts

Postmasters of the 17th district, with their ladies, will entertain Congressman Charles J. Colder as guest of honor at dinner Saturday evening at the California Yacht club, Wilmington. Congressman Colder has just returned from Washington, and the dinner on Saturday is in the nature of a welcome-home courtesy.

VISITS BROTHER

Tommy Eveleth and Dolph Hargis, of Bakersfield, visited over the weekend with Tommy's brother, Jerry Eveleth, of 1720 Cabrillo avenue.

GARDENA LEGALIZES TANGO GAMES AT HEATED SESSION

Clergy and Proponents of "Skill and Science" Ordinance Exchange Opinions Before Audience of 400

GARDENA.—Over the vigorous protests of five local clergymen supported by a large delegation of church members, the Gardena city council legalized tango games in that city this week. The vote was 4 to 1 for adoption of the new "skill and science" ordinance, Councilman F. M. Sever casting the only dissenting vote.

Doll Show First Week in August

Come all you little girls and get your dollies ready for the big doll show at the civic auditorium in the first week in August. The Torrance Recreation department is sponsoring the event, and seven fine prizes will be awarded.

There will be a prize for the biggest doll, the smallest doll, the oldest, the best dressed, the best home-made doll, the best character doll and the most unique doll.

Three prominent citizens will be asked to act as judges, and the winning dolls will be on display after the show at a downtown bank.

All those who are interested in entering are asked to see Mrs. Gora Bohrer at the Recreation Center, 1916 Border avenue; Mrs. Annie Wilson, at the ball park, or Mrs. Dixie Sexton at Walteria Recreation Center.

ROTARY CLUB annual party TOMORROW

Members of Torrance Rotary Club are anticipating a very enjoyable evening tomorrow when the 12th annual installation party will be held at beautiful Lakewood Country Club, which has been chartered for the evening.

Dinner will be served promptly at 7 p. m., according to J. W. Post, chairman of the party committee, and all Rotarians, former Rotarians, their wives and friends are invited. It is expected that over 100 will attend.

The demolition of retiring President George P. Shidler will be conducted by Donald Findley, past president of the club. His address is titled, "Our Rotary Club—How Did It Get That Way?"

Installation of President-elect Charles V. Jones will be in charge of Fred McClung, past district governor, of Huntington Park. Grover C. Whyte will be master of ceremonies for the evening.

Following the dinner, dancing and cards will be enjoyed.

Jensen Is Named Marine Cadet

Philip Jensen, 1605 Amapola avenue, has received notice of his appointment to the California Nautical school, and will report to the training ship Tiburon on Oct. 5 to begin the course of instruction. Cadets in this school are prepared to enter the merchant marine service at the end of the course, qualified to become either engineers or masters. Jensen was one of 20 boys of Southern California to receive the appointment, out of a list of more than 200 applicants.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Jensen, a graduate of Torrance high school, with the summer class of 1936.

FINGERS BURNED

Vernon Coil, 1538 Marcella, was given first aid at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital on July 4 for burns on thumb and fingers of the left hand. Vernon held on to a fire cracker a shade too long.

Before the vote was taken, a lively exchange of ideas between the two factions represented in the council meeting took place. Loud applause, amid cat-calls were heard frequently as the 400 in the audience gave vent to their approval or disapproval of the arguments presented.

The ordinance calls for a license fee of \$500 a month, payable three months in advance. Immediately after the meeting, applications for tango permits were filed with City Clerk Carolyn Gregory by Earl Jacobs, 10800 S. Western avenue; Fred Harlow, 16201 S. Vermont; David Gordon, 15406 S. Western, and Joseph F. Martin, 15331 S. Vermont. Each application was accompanied by a \$1,500 check.

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Harbor District Property Owners To Meet Tonight

Will Plan For Financing the Completion of Petition For Election

President C. T. Rippey, of the Los Angeles County Harbor District, has called a meeting of the property owners of the proposed district, to be held tonight at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Advice has been received from a number of the principal land owners to the effect that they will be present.

The meeting is called for the purpose of making plans for raising funds to complete the necessary petition to the board of supervisors, asking them to call an election for the formation of the district interested in the construction of a large canal from the west basin of the Los Angeles harbor to this inland section.

As soon as the petition is prepared, which will require several weeks of research in making up the legal description of the boundary of the district, it will be placed in the hands of the supervisors for action. Signatures of 50 freeholders are required.

An invitation has been extended to Congressman Charles J. Colder, just returned from his duties at Washington and from attending the Democratic convention, to be present tonight.

The meeting, while called for the prime object of securing the financial support of interested landholders, is open to the public and all citizens of Torrance and vicinity are invited to attend.

TO RE-MODEL building on POST AVE.

A permit for \$4,500 to remodel the building at 1335 Post avenue was taken out this morning by Petley & Matcham, contractors. Plans call for modernizing the present brick building to conform with the architecture of the new civic center buildings. When completed about the first of August, the structure will be occupied by the Torrance Mutual Building & Loan Association, owners of the property.